FORTUNES ADRIFT.

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nearer getting under way?"

death."

season just now for tornadoes."

steps of the companionway. "That'll the flags blow out. They hung in debe the chief coming to answer for him- | jected cowls; but to Kettle they read self," said Cortolvin.

Mr. Neil Angus McTodd always admoment whether Mr. McTodd was in 'Have broken my machinery,' that means employment or not, and if so what type 'I want immediate assistance.' of steamboat he was on, what was his official position, what was his pay, and | Cortelvin. what was the last bit of work on which black boots, gray flannel pajama trou- ew of us it ever comes true for," sers stuffed into his socks, a weird gar- "Skipper," said Cortolvin, "I needn't his forehead shone like dull mirrors of your most obedient servant."

said he by way of preface. "They are holy engines, and that's a of my file, Mr. Corrolvin, and the one steamer.

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"Dose bassengers vos nervous," said cane, and spread as a stinging mist silent thankfulness, but the shipmaster togget warging you should have seen fact," said Kettle. "How long can you chance of his, and he's got to know it, throughout the wind. It was hard in guarantee them for this time?"

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"Hundred thousand tenfels' Herr nor gaining any. With the heavy tow man will be ruined over this last half "Mr. McTodd," said the little source in charge, she wife being driven toward bour's job but I could have been anything and there's in charge, she wife being driven toward bour's job but I could have been anything. There's a capreciousness about the rat- have to bargain with that fellow over ers seem so anxious."

on the foot plate." "I'd not have taken you for a fright

ened man." "Im not that as a usual thing, but the temperature of you engine room varies between 120 and 130 degrees of the Fahrenheit scale, and it's destroying to the nerves. All the aqueous vapor leaves the system and I'm verza badly in need of a tonic. Is you whisky in the black bottle, captain?" "Take a peg. Mac,"

"I'll jast have a sma' three fingers now ye mention it." He laid the thickest part of his knotty knuckles against the side of the tumbler and poured out some half gill of spirits. "Well," gid he, "may we get as good whusky where we're going to," and enveloped the dose with a dexterous turn of the wrist. Aflips with cotton waste, and took himself off again to the baking regions below; and presently a dull rumbling and a tremor of her fabric announced that the Saigon was once more under way.

The little steamer had coaled at Perim island in the southern mouth of the Red sea, had come out into the Indian ocean through the straits of Bab el Mandeb, had rounded cape Guardafui, and was on her way down to Zanzibar "How's that umpire?" said he. 'By in response to the cabled orders of her Parsee owners in Bombay. Cortolvin was still on board as passenger. His excuse was that he wanted to hispert the ready to begin to tow. We'll use their now. I'll run down closer to you caption or do you had your hands begin to the weight of it. turning to England and respectability: wire." a fancy to the little ruffian of a skipper wou't do to tow with wire, captain, come past. You've cut it pretty fine. drowned for anybody. They say they're and wished to see more of him.

heat down there would sour the temper of an archangel."

of his pajamas and bared his chest, "It's double bridle of that." hard to breathe even here, and I thought
I'd learned what heaf was in those Arabian deserts. There's a tornado combian d ing on, that's certain."

"But it will be a sneezer when we get it. Mr. Murgatroyd." he called.

down a purple face from the head of the long enough at sea to known your busi- hawser had been hauled in through a Cortolvin shrugged his shoulders and upper bridge ladder, "Aye, aye?"

the boats and see everything lashed fast land & Wilff?" that a steam crane could move. We're in for a bad breeze directly."

clapped a leaden whistle to his mouth of the after hatch, and you won't come Kettle's voice from the bridge. I should say she was broke down."

upper bridge. Cortolvin followed.

dressed in slop-chest pajamas of a vivid came from the mysterious unseen plain sengers?" which stood out refreshingly winte as gainst the rest of his sun-darkened counthe lightning splashes never showed, mend." enance.
"Well," said Capt. Kettle, as he shoved sudden thinnings of the gloom would where life is cheap, and not so

"It's a sore point with McTodd when at sea, broken down, and requiring a drown all hands." her steam again: I'm a bit anxious. the greater would be the salvage, and preliminary stamp of passion, held up had been swept from life into the grip. and what with that, and this heat, Capt. Kettle could have hogged himself his hand for further parley. But for of the eternal sea, The clattering of iron boot-plates to the wire span between her masts, should be hired, let that cost what it clean over the spokes, made itself heard on the brass bound There was no breath of wind to make

like the page of an open book. "P. B. Q!" he cried, and clapped the vertised his calling in the attire of his binoculars back in the box, and snapped outward man, and the eye of an expert down the lid, "P. B. Q.," Mr. Cortolvin. could tell with sureness at any given and don't you forget having seen it.

"You seem to know it by heart," said

"There's not a steamboat officer on all he had been employed. The present the seas that doesn't. When things are was the fourth occasion on which the very down with us, we take out the sig-Saigon's machinery had chosen to break | nal book, and hunt up P. B. Q. and tell down during Capt. Kettle's two months ourselves that some day we may come of command, and after his hereulean across a Cunarder in a broken tallefforts in making repairs with insuffi- shaft, and be able to give up the sea cient staff and materials. Mr. McTodd and be living politely on £200 a year well was unpleasant both to look upon and invested, within a fortnight. It's the associate with. He was attired in moist | teamboat officer's dream sir, but there's

ment of flannel upon his upper man, a tell you how pleased I'll be if you come clout round his neck, and a peaked cap into a competence over this business. upon his grizzled red hair anointed with In the meanwhile, if there is anything I years of spraying oil. His elbows and can do, from coal trimming upward, I'm

wrapped up in a grimy crimson rag, it you'd go and carry the news to the His conversation was full of unneces chief I'll be obliged. I know he'll say might. There was no making a voice car- | Amid the bellowing roar of the tor- belief I'll be obliged. I know he'll say helpless passenger ship away found the bellowing roar of the tor- belief I'll be obliged. I know he'll say helpless passenger ship away found the bellowing roar of the tor- bellow the roar of the roar of the tor- bellow the roar of the tor- bellow the roar of the roar His conversation was run of unneces chief in be obliged. I know he is say above that frightened uproar, but nado, speech, of course, was impossible, helpless passenger ship away from the siller abead. So I went aft to the saloon, sary adjectives, and he was inclined to his engines can't hold out. Tell him ry above that frightened uproar, but nado, speech, of course, was impossible, helpless passenger ship away from the siller abead. So I went aft to the saloon, the saloon of the saloon o sary adjectives, and he was incomed to his engines can't hold out. Ten him to use up anything the German shipmaster raved and ex- and vision, too, was limited. No human perilous beach. Those tropical hurri- They were at dinner, and there were take a cantankerous view of the uni- they must. Tell him to use up anything the German shipmaster raved and ex- and vision, too, was limited. No human perilous beach. Those tropical hurri- They were at dinner, and there were take a cantankerous view of the unit they must. Ten min to use up anything the definite were canes of the eastern sens progress in pair appetites among them. But some verse. They'd disgrace the scrap-heap, he has sooner than get another breakverse. They'd disgrace the scrap-neap, he has somer than get another break planted and the face was a torture. Circles, and this one had sparned them one spied me standing by the door and of any decent yard, would the things down. Tell him to rip up his soul for moments before he quelled it. Then, to let it strike the face was a torture. of any decent yard, would the things down. Ten min to rip up his soul for moments before the question and let them float on a linguage me into a seat, and gave me meat they miscall engines on this rotten tub," struts and backstays, if he thinks it'll panting, he came once more to the end The sea did not get up. The crest at they miscall engines on this rotten tub," struts and backstays, if he thinks it'll panting, he came once more to the end The sea did not get up. keep them running. It's the one chance of his bridge and addressed the other any wave which tried to rise was cut off charmed ring of calm. "They are holy engines, and that's a of my life, Mr. Cortolvin, and the one steamer, and see we aren't robbed of what is put he, "because dey thought dere might be throughout the wind. It was hard, inmarantee them for this time? and see we aren't roomed of what is put he, because dety mark the some leetle rain squall; so I ask you deed, to tell where ocean ceased and air "How's that, unpire?" said he, "By They wanted to know how near death the some leetle rain squall; so I ask you deed, to tell where ocean ceased and air "How's that, unpire?" said he, "By They wanted to know how near death the some leetle rain squall; so I ask you deed, to tell where ocean ceased and air the some leetle rain squall; so I ask you deed, to tell where ocean ceased and air the some leetle rain squall; so I ask you deed, to tell where ocean ceased and air the some leetle rain squall; so I ask you deed, to tell where ocean ceased and air the some leetle rain squall; so I ask you deed, to tell where ocean ceased and air the some leetle rain squall; so I ask you deed, to tell where ocean ceased and air the some leetle rain squall; so I ask you deed, to tell where ocean ceased and air the some leetle rain squall; so I ask you deed, to tell where ocean ceased and air the some leetle rain squall; so I ask you deed, to tell where ocean ceased and air the some leetle rain squall; so I ask you deed, to tell where ocean ceased and air the some leetle rain squall; so I ask you deed, to tell where ocean ceased and air the some leetle rain squall; so I ask you deed, to tell where ocean ceased and air the some leetle rain squall the squall t

ple, but it does not appeal to me. I'm be little enough time left after we've lott, I haf not Rhodes on der saeep!"



James, wasn't that worth hanging on for?"

through what's coming. There's no give You've no time left to get a boat in going to cast off the hawser." nd wished to see more of him.

in wire. A wire hawser would jerk the the water. The wind may come away This time Capt. Kettle yelled back a mey moment now."

lards aft might be stepped in putty for safely through it—and even then the away aft with you, and save your seen me do them. Ye've seen me keep drocharter—all the use they are. They'd not tow a chances were slim—was to obey the man blooming life!" "It will clear the air," said Kettle. rowboat through what's coming. I beliove they'd draw if they'd a feshing line. lieve they'd draw if they'd a fishing line made fast to them."

waiting to be taught."

deliberation. "She's square rigged for lascar at the wheel, and the Saigon ahead on the tow line. It was a time skipper, to be somewhat a fatalist. So I band—no, two red bands. Seems to me Ahead of him, the great slate-colored The air thickened and grew for the ten on our foreheads, and no man can line be to seek angle of lights draw up through the cool lines lar motionless on the cilr cool. like one of the German Mail boats, and liner lay motionless on the oily sea. Her moment if anything more hot, and the change by an inch the path which it is rail was peopled with the anxious faces tornado raced down upon them as a foreordained he should tread. But they ye, you second o' mine's an uncanny ed with rails for the Biera railway.

drill, talking together anxiously.

astern; stopped her engines, and then whips had lashed them. with reversed propeller, brought up dead. The coolie quartermaster clung on to scurely, out of the touch of newspapers. mind that you Parsee owner of ours in so that the bridges of the two steamers the Saigon's wheel spokes, a mere whisp However, I'll be consistent. I won't Rombay'll lose siller over this breakwere level and not more than 20 yards of limp humanity, incapable of steer- grumble, and you may hear me say it down, and I want that beggar punishing he barter of words.

deck awning, up through the baking harrowing. Ottober the deck awning, up through the been over his mind was not unnaturally occupied heat of the companionway, and dropped ple darkness, impenetrable as a ceiling up for? This heat's been over his mind was not unnaturally occupied.

apart. It was smartly done, and (as ing or of anything else that re- aloud: 'La Allah illah Allah.'" Kettle had intended) the Germans no- quired a modicum of rational thought. Capt. Kettle made no reply. Through a small wage. Mr. Cortolvin, ha' ye a ticed it, and commented. Then began The little steamer fell away before the the infernal uproar of the formado, he particle at blast like a shaving in a dry street; the did not hear much of what was said. A hall came from the liner asters. Cortolvin came out under the bridge! A mist of heat shut the sea into a "Howdy, captain!" said Kettle, "I tonnage of the tornado heeled her till and part of what did reach his ears said. A had came from the liner asters.

Saigon, whor! Keep our hawser hope it's not a funeral zon've brought her lee semports should grown water was beyond his comprehension. Cortolvin came out under the bridge of the tornado needed her the baking of the baking

heat of the companionway, and dropped pie darkness, impenetration and she might went have been overlistlessly into a deck chair. He was of brick. The only light that crept in least two and she might went have been overlistlessly into a deck chair. He was of brick the mysterious unseen plain sengers?"

Year're all right that crept in larger twent have been overlistlessly into a deck chair. He was of brick the mysterious unseen plain sengers?" dressed in slop-chest pajamas of a vivid came from the mysterious data and spoked the wheel hard up, and the pattern, and had a newly shaven chin, of the horizon. From every point of the pattern, and had a newly shaven chin, of the horizon. The data are troin in should be at the neighbor of the pattern, and had a newly shaven chin, of the horizon. The data are troin in should be at the neighbor of the middle of him." pattern, and had a newly shaven chin, or the horizon who were all as which stood out refreshingly white a compass uneasy thunder gave forth now which stood out refreshingly white a compass uneasy thunder gave forth now machiner and though machiner and the machiner and the machiner and though machiner and the machiner and though machiner and tho

"Well," said Capt, Kettle, as he shoved across the box of cheroots, "are we any across the box of cheroots," and the box of cheroots, "are we any across the box of cheroots," and the box of cheroots, "are we any across the box of cheroots," and the box of cheroots, "are we any across the box of cheroots," and the box of cheroots, "are we are across the box of cheroots," are we are across the box of cheroots, "are we are across the box of cheroots," and the box of cheroots, "are we are across the box of cheroots," and the box of cheroots, "are we are across the box of cheroots," and the box of cheroots, "are we are across the box of cheroots," and the box of cheroots, "are we are across the box of cheroots," and the box of cheroots, "are we are across the box of cheroots," and the box of cheroots, "are we are across the box of cheroots," and "across the box of cheroots," and "across the box of cheroots," are across the box of cheroots, "across the box of cheroots," and "across the box of cheroots," are across the box of cheroots, "across the box of cheroots," and "across the box of cheroots," are across the box of cheroots, "across the box of cheroo mered and danced with the baking heat, tain. But I'd hurry and get steam on again, head to the thunderous gusts, the set much store on. The passengers were rearer getting under way:

"I looked in at the engine room as I and though lurid grays and pinks pre- her again if I were you. The breeze tale of what she had endured was writ-'I looked in at the engine room as I dominated, the glow which filled it was may come away any minute now, and ten in easy lettering. On both fore and came past, said the tan man train a constantly changing in hue. | you've the shore close aboard, and you'll main decks the bulwarks were gone level laugh, "and the chief had a good deal to constantly changing but Kattle | but The scene was terrifying, but Kettle be on it if you don't get your steamboat with the covering boards; the raffle of say. I gathered it was his idea that the fellow who last had charge of those enrenow who hast mad charge of those en-gines ought to die a cruel and lingering one commercial prayer of the shipmas-gines ought to die a cruel and lingering one commercial prayer of the shipmaster is to meet with a passenger steamer beach it will surprise me if you don't to the sky, had departed beyond the ken of man, and indeed those lower decks "It's a sore point with McTodd when tow; and here was one of the plums of she breaks down. But did he say how tow; and here was one of the plums of the plums of the breaks down. But did he say how tow; and here was one of the plums of the plums of the breaks down. But did he say how tow; and here was one of the plums of the plums of the breaks down. sne breaks down. But did ne say now the ocean ready to his hand and anxious graph, as thought to ring on his engines from The port lifeboat hung stove from long it would be before he could give the ocean ready to his hand and anxious graph, as thought to ring on his engines from the port lifeboat hung stove from long it would be before he could give her steam again? I'm a bit anxious. to be plucked. The worse the weather again, but the hearded German, after a bent davits, and three of the coolie crew

and what with that, and this near, and this near, with joy when he thought of the tropic the moment the opportunity of speech there's small doubt but what we'll have the bad was taken from him. The passengers that the providence of the tropic the moment the opportunity of speech growing ever nearer. So close, indeed, ordered it, the tornade circled down on the passengers. there's small doubt but what we'll have the bad was taken from him. The passengers upper bridge, step by step, against the were they to the hateful shore, that them he more a light air came off the were they to the hateful shore, that them he more a light air came off the a tornado clattering about our ears understand the Saigon's course the instant were either English or, for the most frantic heating of the wind, and with the shore close aboard, changed the Saigon's course the instant were either English or, for the most frantic heating of the wind, and with the shore close aboard, has compared to the bridge and had pulled their scanty can and had pulled their scanty can be shore close aboard. rectly. There's the shore close aboard, the came on the bridge, and had pulled part, understood that tongue when spo- out being bidden relieved at the lee white water subsided where the break- and gave them just steerage war, and the whole Capt Kettle model. as you can see for yourself, and if the water subsided where the break and the synchronic wind comes away anywhere from the wind comes away anywhere from the wind comes away anywhere from the was said, as Kettle had intended, and his thanks. The Saigon had no steam see dimly beyond through the sea smoke dry as a pair of bridge pontoons, and the sea smoke dry as a pair of bridge pontoons, and east'ard, it'll blow this old steambout and pair of bridge pontoons, and balf-way into the middle of Africa behalf-way into the middle of Africa be levery moment more clear, and presently mob at the foot of the two bridge lad- for we can look around us. It's a bad every moment more clear, and presently mob at the foot of the two bridge lad- cottonwoods whipping and crashing be- for was swept away; nothing but an extended that assistance that as a superior of the two bridges are that as a superior of the two bridges are that as a superior of the two bridges are that as a superior of the two bridges are that as a superior of the two bridges are that as a superior of the two bridges are that as a superior of the two bridges are that a superior of the two bridges are that as a superior of the two bridges are that a superior of the two bridges are the two bridges are that a superior of the two bridges are the two a string of barbaric colors jerked up ders, and demanded that assistance charge and pitch the little shipmaster fore the insane blast of the tornado. All other steamer could relieve them, and

steel, and he carried one of his thumbs | "I thank you, sir," said Kettle. "And Mr. McTodd swayed on the campstool and regarded him with a puzzled eye.

it. I'm not a towboat, and I'm in a with perilous speed. hurry to make my passage. If you

in anywhere." The shipmaster on the other bridge went into a frenzy of expostulation. He appealed to all Capt, Kettle's better feelings; he dared him to do his worst; he prayed him to do his best. But Kettle gazed upon the man's gesticulating arms, and listened to his frantic oratory unmoved. He lit a cheroot and leaned his cloows on the white railing of the bridge, and did not reply by so much as a single word. When the other halted through breathlessnes, even then he did not speak. He waved his hand toward the fearsome heavens, with their burid lights, and pointed to the bumping thunthrew up his arm in token of surrender, Kettle's ear. and a hush fell upon the scene like the silence of death.

satisfaction dot you make me ruined, man."

Kettle, "heaps of times, and my turn a bale that Mr. Murgatroyd would have for the other thing seems to be come felt the weight of it. tain, or do you bid your hands heave "The hands know it as well as me, and Aden." "Aye, aye," said the mate. "But it me a line from the fo'c's leheld as I they say they're not going to be

"I should have thought you'd been had been made, the snaky steel-wire sistant, ness by this time," said Kettle unpleas- stern fair lead by the Saigon's winch, glanced backward at the beach and "Get all the awnings off her," he antly. "D'ye think that every steam- and the old mate stood ready with the nodded. Kettle leaned across and shoutshipmaster ordered; "put extra grips on boat that trades has a bran-new Har- shackle which would link it on to the ed: manilla.

cause of the haze." He examined her walked briskly to the centre of screwed home the pin in its socket. Al- Cortolvin?" cause of the unit social the upper bridge and laid a hand on the ready the engines were on the move "It seems I promised. You know I've and gave his observations with heavy telegraph. He gave crisp orders to the again, and the Saigon was steaming been long enough with Mahometans.

deck chair and swung himself into the stripping away the awnings. On the sea, with white water gleaming and away from England because of my wife; and then I blew off the boilers, and out of the north, to pick up the rich thigh upper bridge were three officers in churning at its foot. It hit the steam- I step out of the middle of Arabia and came up her. It would have been vera gleanings which the ocean offered,

The engineer mopped has neck with a before us. Show him where the siner some feeth began. The white sea was spread in a James, wasn't it worth hanging on for a long to be and them and them and them stand by and how mooch vould you take my rope and blur of white and grown

ple, but it does not appeal to me. I'm be not be not enough time left after we've in fear of my life every minute I stand fixed upon prices. So have everything in fear of my life every minute I stand fixed upon prices. So have everything in the stand of the African beach in the African beach in the African beach in the original stand in the original

keep me waiting here five minutes long- wind, and when Cortolvin turned his to McTodd-" er it'll cost you £120,000 to be plucked face away from the stinging blast of the From below there came a sudden whirt "Same thing," said Kettle, ness their exact position. Clost astern momentarily gone mad, and then a lishman, and a darned ugly tongue and was the plunging German liner, with bumping and a banging which jarred don't you forget it." her decks stripped and deserted, and every plate of the Saigon's fabric, and McTodd pulled a charred cigar stamp only the bridge officers exposed. Be- then a silence, broken only by the thin, from his pocket and lit it with gare yond was the cotton white sea; and be distant scream of a burt man. Present the nodded to the necordism. The an youd again were great leaping foun- by the boom of steam broke out from the with your noise," said be,

"We can't hold her," he roared, "She's available universe. taking us ashore. We shall be there in tousand pound, captain, und you haf der a dozen minutes, and then it will be

Capt. Kettle glared, but made no articulate reply. If he could have spared | again?" asked Kettle, sharply. "I have been ruined myself," said a hand from the wheelspokes, it is prob-

said Cortolvin.

Those engines are enough to discour
Those enough to Those engines are enough to discourage any man," said Kettle, "and the heart down there would sour the temper."

Kettle tightened his lips, "Mr. Murgand the insouciance had gatroyd," said he, "I am not a blame' fool. Neither do I want dictation from fool. Neither do I want dictation from fool. Neither do I want dictation from fool. She'd a fall off the shackle. By James, if that tow off the shackle. By James, if that tow off the shackle. By James, if that tow off the shackle. my officers. I told you to rouse up the with crispness and decision, and the is past off Ull turn the Saigon for the of an archangel."

Cortolvin loosened a couple of buttons

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This regions and bared his chest, "It's ouble bridle of that."

"Aye, aye," grunted the mate, "but come lay as an open advertisement, and you know me ves, and you know me, and you know "Man," said the engineer, "I can do all she earned. And talking of hoise a

The connection between the steamers Kettle looked across the wheel at his as-

I "I know it, sir, as well as you do. I "Well," said the mate, sullenly, "I'm The heavens yielded up an overture know it as well as they do. But I've got like the echo of a Titan's groan. "Hur- a fortune in tow yonder, and I'd rather "Aye, aye," rumbled the mate, and "Pass the manila round the combing ry, there, you slow-footed dogs!" came die than set it adrift. It isn't one fortune either; it's a dozen fortunes; and I have and blew it shrilly. A minute later he and tell me that's drawn while this The lasears brought up the eye of the just got to grab one of them. I'm a marand blew it shiring. A minded the state of t a point or two off the starboard bow, "Aye, aye," said the mate, and stepped the pin of the shackle. Then he cried, known what it was to watch and see a point or two on the starboard bow, captain. I haven't seen her before be- into his slippers and Kettle "All fast," and picked up a spike and 'em hungry. You'll stand by me, Mr.

say, God is great and our fates are writ-Capt. Kettle rose springily from his of passengers. Busy deck hands were black wall stretching far across the are queer fates, some of them. I went sight. So I had to do his work for him, was coming gleefully toward them from

sun-helmets and trim uniform of white ers like a solid avalanche, and the stumble across you, and hear that she comforting to my professional conspindrift in it cut the faces of the men is dead; I look forward to going home science if I could have steamed her into The little Saigon curved up from who tried to withstand it as though and living in peaceful country life; and Aden. But I'm no as sorry as I might now it appears I'm to be drowned ob- be for what's happened. I have it in

> part of the ship, just as much as were her engines, and the builtien which he could drag her into any civilized port, will their tope. We've done towing."

minutes before given themselves up for asophy, as good as dead. Their only chance of Cupr. Kerile did not grable; his forsalvation lay in casting off the tow rope, tune was once more adrift and beyond and no one dared touch the linking his grasp; the Parsee in Bombay would shackle. They quite knew that their for a certainty dismiss him from emsavage little skipper would fulfit his ployment, and Mrs. Kettle and her famithreat if they disobeyed his orders. In-deed, old Murgatroyd himself sat on the sentry doles as he could contrive to hatch coaming with an opened clasp send them. All these were distressing knife and vowed death on anyone who clonights, but they were things not to tampered with either shackle or manifa. In remedied, and he took down the ac-The clumsy mate had swallowed rough | ordeon, and made wavest music, which words once, but he preferred drown- spread for over the moving plains of ing to living on and hearing Capt. Ket- oc-an. tle address him as coward,

wash creamed far out into the sea. Ale immediate profit. He washed with some ready the stern of the German liner until his face was brilliant, put on a was plunging in the whitened water and full of slouchest serge, took bout and destruction seemed a question of sec- rowed over to the rolling German liner. onds. Then a strange thing happened. It was midnight when he returned, af-It seemed as though the finger of God fluent in pocket, and rather deep in had touched the wind; it abated by vis. liquor. He went tuto the chart-house ible graduations, and the drift of the without invitation, smiled bealgnly not steamers grew more slow; it eased to a look a camp-stool,

if ye wish me to be certain. It's a varra dry ship, this.

"And how many more? We shall want them. There's a tornado coming on."
"I'm no' anxious to perjure mysel" captain, but they might run on for a full min, but they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, but they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min, or they might run on for a full min her position, neither losing ground min her position min her position min her position, neither losing ground min her position min her positi I've got a wife, sir, and kids, and I'm was the but man and all the brook-edged with perilous speed.

It was possible to see dimly down the Mr. Cortolyin, I'm a made man. Thanks

> tains of whiteness, where the tortured escape pipe beside the funnel, and a Capt. Northe's fragers began to twice the ocean roared against the yellow tortured. minute later the chief engineer made his suggestively; and Cornolvin, to keep the Thirty minutes passed, each second of way leisurely up onto the bridge. He peace, offered to escort McTadd to he then brimmed with frenzied struggle was blooding from a cut on the force from. for both man and machinery. The tornado raged and boomed and roared, and
> the backward drift was a thing which
> could be measured with the eye.
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> knife as he walked, and seemed, from
> knife as he walked, and seemed, from
> that drugs our do, and affects the perthat drugs our do, and affects the per-Then the old mate heaved himself up his manner, to be a man quite divorced ambulatory muscles of the lower exthe bridge ladder by laborious inches. Trong all responsible accupations. He tremities. Speaking of which, yell on der, which made both steamers vaguely His clothes were whipping from him and tremble, and he let those argue for him. the grizzled hair stood out from the bridge industry replaced the tobacco cake "O, come along to bed," said Cortalvin. The clamor of the passengers rose again in the breathless, baking air, and the broom. He clawed his way along the broom. He clawed his way along the briefled up the shreddings in the palms of the blue serge solemaly. There's a captain of the liner had to yield. He rail, and put his great red face close to his crackled hands. Then he filled a thought come to me that I've a message short briar pipe, lif it and surveyed the to give. Do ye ken anybody called Cal-

"You'll be the tornado, 'way ahead "Archie Calvert by any chance"

there, I'm thinking," said he. "Are those blame engines broke down said he kenned to week." "Aye, ye may put it they've broke

"Then away with you below again, Mr. McTodd, and get them running again, say. Weel, I said we'd you aboard, and You may smoke when we bring up the this Culvert-Erebie Calvert and he'd

ind spat on the wheel grating. "By James!" said Kettle, "so you hear you down to your bunk.

those pulsied ruttle-traps, running all Cortoivin about his savagely by ththrough that blow. But if he ask me to arm, "My God," he cris-h, "do you make tain's tongue and went away and Capt. make a new propeller out of rod from to say she's not dead? and packing cases. I'll have to tell you "Aren't I telling you?"

> ave stripped off the boss. If ye'd been dead faint. selow on my foot-plates ye'd have McTodd swayed on the comp stool cenned it fine. When it went, those puir and regarded him with a puzzied eveengines raced like an anid cab horse "Losh!" he said, "here's him drank as tryin' to gallop, and they just got tired well as me. Two of us, and I never in knots, and tumbled down, and kenned it. It's a sad immoral worrid, sprawled 15 ways at once. I was on the Skipper. Vera sad. Skipper, I say. Jutform oiling, when they jumped, and Here's Mr. Cortolvin been- O. Lord, hat nigger second of mine tried to get and he Isn't listening either." at the throttle to close it down."

"Well, get on man, get on."

for all the work he's given me to do on

"You're all right for the present," "Der vind might return onless you get

"Then If it does," retorted Kettle, "you'd better tell your passengers to eav their prayers. You'll get no further help from me. I'm broken down myself.

"I thoughtn't swear if I were you," said hoped she carried. The company which Kettle. "If the breeze comes this way owned her was responsible for all; their again you'll be tooing the mark in the would reap a proportionate reward if he there. Mr. Murgatroyd, you may cast

And when he thought of the rearing New ofter this, a variety of things beach so terribly close astern, he bit Boght have happened. Amongst them his beard in an agony of apprehension it was quite possible that both steamlest the fates should steal this fortune | 678, and all in them, might have been spewed up as hatteged refuse high upon. And meanwhile the line of surf was the African beach. But as providence hands on the Saigon's deck had many in the mennabile it was a time for phil-

The shore lay steep-to, but the back. But Mr. McTodd had visions of more

mere gale, and they held their place ou . "They thought they would get me the lip of the boiling surf; and then down into the mess room over youder." with a gasp it sank into quietude, and a said he, "and I'll no deny it was a tempgreat oily swell rose up as if by magic tation. I could have telled those from the bowels of the deep, and the Dutch engineers a thing or two. But remorselessly by the knives of the hurri- Cortolvin bowed over the wheel in me on to talk Lord; once I got my

ternade, he could understand with clear- of machinery, as though the engines had neither. I'm a common low-down Fag

vert?

" 'Erchie' was the name he gave. He "We were at Cambridge together."

Yes, but about Calvert?" "On my Culvert; Erchie Culvert, as renews for you about your wife," McTodd puffed twice more at his pipe. "All right, never point that now. She a dead, I know, poor women. Let me belo

hat you kind of meeracle's beyond me." Corrolvin passed a hand wearnly one "My great James!" said Kettle, "you his eyes. "And a minute ago," he while on't mean to tell me the propeller's pered, "I thought I was goin home." His hand dropped limply to his side, his "Either that, or else all the blades hend slid to the charthouse deck in a

Capt. Kettle had gone out of the charthouse. The thud of a propeller had fall-"Weel, he didn't, that's all; he's lying en upon his ear, and he leaned over the in the low pressure crank pit this minute, Saigon's rall and sadly watched a tri-